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Subject: Response to Office Action Dated May 16, 2003

Reference: Serial No. 10/073,724, filed 11 February 2002

Dear Examiner Pham:

Please find attached my response to your most recent Office Action. If you have any questions about my response, please call me to discuss.

An original copy of this response is being sent to you via mail.

Best regards,

John J. Scanlon

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated May 16, 2003, kindly amend the  
above identified application as follows.